



PRESIDENTIAL HANDCLASP . . . William H. Tolson, (left) Torrance's ex-Mayor, greets W. W. Jones of Lynnwood, who is president-elect of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce. Tolson, who was elected vice-president, represented Torrance at the recent annual meeting of the harbor chambers held at Pepperdine College, Los Angeles.

Big, Black and Mean

Schoolwork Went to Dogs When Cat Invaded School

A big, black cat went to school recently and for more than 30 minutes school routine went to the dogs. When Custodian Ed Hanson opened the door to his basement furnace room at Fern Avenue School, he discovered the cat basking in the heat of a furnace and started to pick it up.

"Here, kitty," he said. Kitty attacked.

Hanson slammed the fireproof, catproof door in kitty's face, ran upstairs to Principal Albert Posner who called the police. The police in turn notified the South Bay Humane Society.

The humane society man finally cornered the difficult feline but not before troops of youthful volunteers from the elementary school's student body had offered their cat-catching services to Principal Posner.

Hanson, who has had to shoo many pets out of the school building, mopped a perspiring brow. "It was the meanest cat I've every run across," he said.

USC Tallies Local Students

Sixteen students who graduated from high school in the Torrance area are now attending the University of Southern California, according to a release issued by the school yesterday.

The list of local students includes Charles F. Duane, George Robert Elder, Harvel Lang Gultenfelder, John Dexter Hudson, Robert Gerhardt Maxfield, Richard Paul Miller, William Elmer Moon, Harry Ralph Pegors, Lawrence Lewis Prince, Jeannette Mae Probert, R. L. Robinson, Jay R. Stroh, Robert Henry Tolson, Frank Sanford Whiting, James Frederick Wilkes, and Donald Kenneth Zurschmit.

Death Takes Mrs. Babcock While Visiting

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today for Annette Pauline Babcock, 48, long time local resident who died suddenly at the home of her sister in Willits, Cal. Sat.



urday. With her husband, L. V. Babcock and son, Charles, she made her home at 2023 Gramercy avenue.

A native of Perry, Oklahoma, Mrs. Babcock had made Torrance her home since March of 1921. She was a member of Amaranth Court No. 44 of Redondo; Past Royal Matron of Amaranth; past president of the Torrance American Legion Auxiliary, Post 170, and a member of the Torrance chapter of O.E.S.

Services will be held at the Stone and Myers mortuary chapel and will be officiated by Rev. Ben Lingenfelter. Interment will follow at Inglewood Park Cemetery. Mrs. James H. Burckett will be the soloist.

Mrs. Babcock was a member of the First Christian Church here. She was married to Mr. Babcock here in 1923.

Funeralbearers will be William H. Stanger, John E. McMaster, Sam Levy, James R. Wilkes, Gordon A. Motherwell and Louis H. Deininger.

Beside the husband and son, survivors include Mrs. Margaret Davidson, mother, at 2023 Gramercy avenue; Mrs. Waunita Millikin of Willits, a sister; Mary J. Babcock, mother-in-law, of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Babcock, brother and sister-in-law, of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Babcock, brother and sister-in-law, of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Babcock, brother and sister-in-law, of Los Angeles.

Services Held For Davenport

Services were held Tuesday for Virgil Davenport, 78, of 1308 1/2 Acacia avenue, who died Sunday at Harbor General Hospital. Services were conducted by Rev. C. M. Northrup at Stone and Myers Mortuary. Interment followed at Inglewood Park Cemetery. Davenport came to Torrance almost two years ago, a retired railroad conductor. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving is the widow, Mable Davenport; a daughter, Mrs. Richard Hocott, 1308 Acacia avenue; Harry L. Davenport, of Oklahoma; Judge Homer Davenport, a brother, of Lebanon, Mo.; Mrs. Nell Carrow, granddaughter, and Harry L. Davenport Jr., a grandson, of Muskogee, Okla.

PROLIFIC OYSTERS

A single oyster produces between 55 million and 114 million eggs in a lifetime.

'Ham' Delivers News of Birth To Navy Couple

A novel method of announcing the birth of a son was received here this week from Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. N. P. Giantino, now stationed in Japan.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Hara, 1615 Fern avenue, friends of the Navy couple, they were informed by a "ham" radio operator who picked up the news from the Orient on his receiver.

Mrs. Giantino, and her two daughters, Karen and Jean, joined her husband last February. Their permanent home address is 2228 Gramercy avenue.

CURATOR RESIGNS

Dr. Patrick Joseph Kelleher, chief curator of art at the Los Angeles County Museum, has resigned his post effective December 27, James H. Breasted Jr., director, announced today.

Seasonal Needs Unemployment Prompt Drop in

Prompted by a demand for extra help during the Christmas shopping season, the California State Employment Service stated this week that a 30 percent drop in unemployment in the area has been noted since last month. Miss Winona Ellis, manager of the local office said that only 2962 persons in the area served by the local office were seeking employment as compared to 4870 at the same date in November.

She said that the local office aided in filling a request from a Los Angeles department store for 1000 temporary salespeople. Many of those still on the unemployed rolls are those normally employed in industry, she said.

Riviera Plans Yule Program

A community Christmas program for children of the Hollywood Riviera district will be held Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. at Retro Park. The event is being sponsored by four community and city organizations.

The event will be highlighted by a Christmas tree ceremony, entertainment, and the appearance of Santa Claus who will bring gifts for all the children present.

However, this group reflects the overall drop by one half, Miss Ellis said.

Comparing December and November figures in near-by communities the following overall decline is noted: Torrance, 734-1380; Lomita-Harbor City and Waverly, 274-560; South Bay Cities, 997-1648; Gardena, 666-1000.

Herald to Carry Legal Notices

The Torrance Herald is one of 36 newspapers in the county which have been selected by H. L. Byram, County Tax Collector, to carry advertisements of the forthcoming county-wide sale, beginning January 30th, of tax-deeded properties in which 800 parcels will be sold at public auction.

The notices will appear in the January 5, 12, and 19 issues of the Herald.

Properties for sale are located in various sections of Los Angeles city and county, with approximately 204 parcels located near Newhall.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Wednesday is named after Woden, a deity of the Anglo-Saxons.

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New Parking Lot To be Completed Here This Week

Facilities for the free parking of almost 100 more cars near the heart of the downtown Torrance shopping area will be available today or tomorrow, it was announced yesterday by Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Leveling operations on an 11,000 square foot lot, across Marcellina avenue from the Post Office is scheduled for completion sometime today. The lot will hold about 100 cars which will be parked free of charge for not longer than two hours.

Completion of the parking area will mark the fifth lot which has been made available to shoppers through the efforts of a committee of the Retail Merchants' Division, Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Biggest of the five is one at the intersection of Cravens and El Prado which holds some 200 autos.

C. T. Rippy, who heads the committee, has plans under study directed toward the permanent solution to the downtown Torrance parking problem.

Adult Classes Get Yule Recess

Christmas recess will be from December 17 through January 2, with classes resuming January 3. It was announced this week by Donald Manashaw, Director of Torrance School of Adult Education.

A new class for expectant mothers, details of which will be announced later, will start on Tuesday, January 10. Classes in ceramics, china painting, and textile painting are filling rapidly but still have a few openings for new students.

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